

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dave S.B. Hoon et al.

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For: DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS  
OF MELANOMA AND BREAST  
CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED  
TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES  
BY MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE  
RT-PCR

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Sean E. Adder

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**RESPONSE TO THE ADVISORY ACTION AND  
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action and Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 3, 2008, please replace the Amendment filed by Applicants on November 7, 2008 (the "Amendment") with this paper.

Applicants did not intend to amend claim 1, 3, or 4 in the Amendment, all of which were marked as "Previously presented" in the Amendment. However, the term "GalNAcT" was inadvertently changed to "Gallant" in claims 1 and 3, and the term "qRT" was inadvertently changed to "art" in claim 4 in the Amendment. Applicants submit herewith a correct version of the Amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the Advisory Action and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be withdrawn.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.